

**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF ILLINOIS
EASTERN DIVISION**

CHRISTOPHER MANHART,

Plaintiff,

v.

WESPAC FOUNDATION, INC.;
STUDENTS FOR JUSTICE IN
PALESTINE; DISSENTERS; JEWISH
VOICE FOR PEACE; TIDES CENTER,
d/b/a COMMUNITY JUSTICE
EXCHANGE; JINAN CHEHADE;
SUPERIOR MURPHY; RIFQA
FALANEH; and SIMONE TUCKER,

Defendants.

No. 24-cv-8209-MMR-KHH

JOINT STATUS REPORT

Plaintiff Christopher Manhart and Defendants Tides Center d/b/a Community Justice Exchange (the “Tides Center”), Jinan Chehade, Superior Murphy, Rifqa Falaneh, Simone Tucker (“Individual Defendants”), Dissenters, Jewish Voice for Peace, and WESPAC Foundation Inc., by and through their counsel, submit this Joint Status Report in response to the Court’s August 7, 2025 order (Dkt. 108) and state as follows:

1. The Parties do not agree on the path forward on all matters pending before the Court. Their respective positions are as follows:

Plaintiff’s Position

2. For the reasons stated in his Motion for Stay of Collateral Proceedings or, in the Alternative, an Extension of Time to File Response (“Manhart’s Motion to Stay”) (Dkt. 122), Manhart’s position is that all pending collateral matters before this Court should be stayed pending a ruling from the Seventh Circuit on Plaintiff’s

appeal of the Court's decision on Defendants' motions to dismiss. Manhart's preference is for a full stay, but if collateral proceedings are not fully stayed, then there should be no stay to avoid piecemeal appeals.

Defendants' Position

3. On the issue the Court directed the parties to file a status report on—"whether, because of an appeal, the deadline regarding fees should be stayed" (Dkt. 108)—Defendants agree that the determination of the amount of fees and procedure under Local Rule 54.3 with respect to this Court's order granting the sanctions motions of the Tides Center, the Individual Defendants, and Dissenters should be stayed pending a ruling from the Seventh Circuit on Plaintiff's appeal of the Court's decision on Defendants' motions to dismiss.

4. WESPAC and JVP believe that the briefing on their pending motions for sanctions should not be stayed and will file a response to Manhart's Motion to Stay.

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Respectfully Submitted,

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